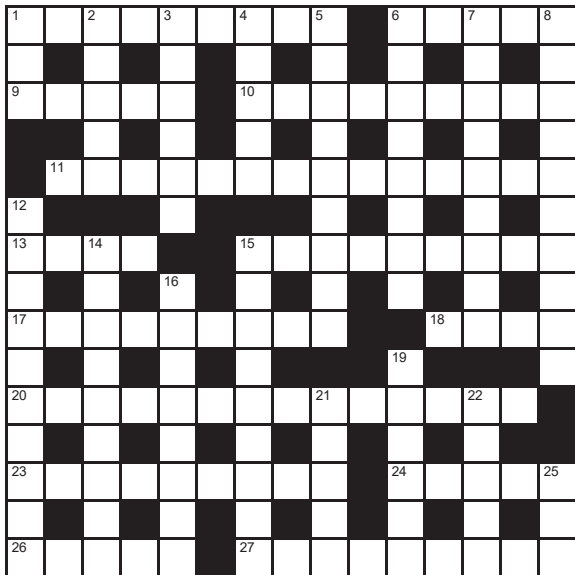


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 15,502 Set by GAFF



A prize of *The Good Word Guide* by Martin Manser and *How to Sound Clever* by Hubert van den Bergh will be awarded for the first correct solution opened. Solutions by Wednesday March 29, marked Prize Crossword 15,502 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday April 3.

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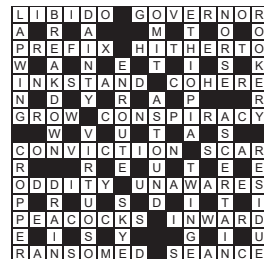
- 1 Spar with a lump outside for medal (5,4)
- 6, 3 Know-alls are told lie during kisses (5,6)
- 9, 24 One of a group from 19, 12 that'll be beneath Sialia (5,5)
- 10 Easily change a reactant (2,1,6)
- 11 Where 19, 12's Luscinia made notes (8,6)
- 13 Source of sound (4)
- 15 Just one proceeds to attend reunion (4,5)
- 17 Big and tall he's flailing around last in pool (5,4)
- 18 Sign that clownfish is back (4)
- 20 Extreme right turn more difficult when reported by celebrity panel (4,10)
- 23 Welcome to wild evening out (9)
- 24 See 9
- 26 Clipped trees badly (5)
- 27 Film Gandhi missing the latest news of Norfolk town (5,4)

DOWN

- 1 Dip front of weapon (3)
- 2 Lift top off stew (5)
- 3 See 6 Across
- 4 Story-teller starting to reject dog (5)
- 5 Stew made early? (5,4)
- 6 A Basque's cooking blowfish (3,5)

- 7 Top protection for car wing-like in 50% of automatics (4-5)
- 8 Trinity's chair holding regular redesigns (5,2,3)
- 12 See 19
- 14 Drink up like king and live with queen (5,4)
- 15 A number imprisoned by post-Imperial king in cruel deceit (4,5)
- 16 Simpson turns up in sound border town (8)
- 19, 12 Newton Dyne could be love song performer (6,10)
- 21 Victim of Goneril's terrible anger (5)
- 22 Start off bright with showers (5)
- 25 Cool sort of club (3)

SOLUTION 15,490



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